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ARTHUR L. MULLEN
EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC
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RE: Site Management Activity Completed, Eveready Battery Company, Inc., Plant 2, Bennington, VT (VTDEC Site #77-98).

Dear Mr. Mullen:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS), has recently reviewed the *Results of September 1997 Ground-Water Sampling* Report (prepared by Geraghty & Miller, dated October 14, 1997) for the above referenced site. Based on this report and other information contained in the site file, the SMS has determined that this site is now eligible for a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. The SMS concludes that:

- the nature and extent of contamination has been adequately defined;
- groundwater enforcement standards are met on the entire property;
- constituents of concern in soils are not greater than regulatory levels;
- the site meets all EPA's CERCLA requirements and has received a No Further Remedial Action Planned (NFRAP) decision from EPA and;
- any residual contamination does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.


Based on these findings, the SMS has determined that site management activities have been completed. The completion of these activities does not release the Eveready Battery Company of any past or future liability which may arise from the contamination discovered at the Eveready Battery Company's Bennington site. It does mean that the SMS is not requiring any additional work to be performed in response to the contamination discovered at this site.

If the monitoring wells are no longer used or maintained, then they must be properly closed to eliminate a possible conduit for contaminant migration into the subsurface. This closure typically involves filling the wells with a grout material to prevent fluid migration in the borehole. Also, the road box or stand-up well guard for a monitoring well must be removed before well closure is considered complete. Specific requirements for well closure are outlined in Section 12.3.5 in Appendix A of the Vermont Water Supply Rule-Chapter 21.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact either me or Bruce Linton at (802) 241-3888.

The SMS appreciates your continued cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



George Desch, Chief
Sites Management Section

cc: Christopher Carr, Geraghty & Miller
Bennington Selectboard
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